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### **THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *TWO SPIRITS***

*Story Reveals Long Embraced Native American Values to Contemporary Society*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Two Spirits*, directed by filmmaker Lydia Nibley. The film, which chronicles the life of Fred Martinez, a Navajo boy who was also a girl, screens at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011, in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

*Two Spirits* interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss with a revealing view of a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female. Many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated gender. As a nádleehí, a male-bodied person with a feminine nature, Fred Martinez was considered a "special gift" in his ancient Navajo culture. But the place where two discriminations meet is a dangerous place to live; instead of being revered, Fred was bullied and became one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was brutally murdered at sixteen. Between tradition and controversy, sex and spirit, and freedom and fear, lives the truth—the bravest choice you can make is to be yourself.

Community Cinema, <http://communitycinema.org>, is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. Check local listings.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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